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SUBJECT: JEWISH CEMETERIES IN SLOVAKIA

REF: 76 PRAGUE 3603 AND PREVIOUS

1. SENATOR JAVITS HAS FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT A MAY 13 LETTER FROM RABBI MOSES RUBIN IN WHICH HE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF JEWISH CEMETERIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. RABBI RUBIN'S LETTER NOTES THAT HIS GROUP, THE WORLD CENTER FOR EUROPEAN RABBIS, HAS JUST RECEIVED REPORTS "FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" THAT IN HOLIC, KOMARNO, KROMPACHY, KOMJATICE, NOVO MESTO AND PRIEVIDZA THE JEWISH CEMETERIES HAVE "BEEN OFFICIALLY LISTED FOR DEMOLITION." RABBI RUBIN ASKED SENATOR JAVITS TO URGE THE SECRETARY TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THIS DESECRATION.

2. IN OUR RESPONSE TO SENATOR JAVITS WE REFERRED TO LATE 1976 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COUNCIL FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. AT THAT TIME,
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WE INFORMED THE SENATOR, THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WAS REPORTEDLY BEING CONSULTED BY THE AUTHORITIES ON THE PROBLEM OF RELOCATION OF GRAVES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT SOME PROJECTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR WHICH THE CONSENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED. WE INFORMED THE SENATOR THAT WE WOULD ASK

AMBASSADOR BYRNE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. WE ALSO ADVISED THAT A LETTER FROM THE SENATOR TO JOHANES MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THE EMBASSY RENEW CONTACT WITH ILTIS TO FIND OUT STATUS OF JEWISH CEMETERIES ISSUE, AND REPORT BACK BY CABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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